

to actinic radiation, especially UV light. Furthermore,
the coating materials, especially the powder coating
materials, ought to have a good crosslinking stability
at melt temperature, leading to the development of
5 effective leveling, in customary coat thicknesses and
in air. Moreover, they should have a high reactivity on
exposure to actinic radiation, especially UV light, in
the region of the melting point, which is something
which is necessary for combined curing by heat and
10 actinic radiation, especially UV light. Not least, they
ought to have a low level of photosensitivity in the
unmelted state in order that they may be handled under
normal ambient lighting conditions without risk of
crosslinking.

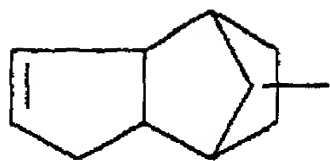
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The invention accordingly provides the novel binder
mixture comprising

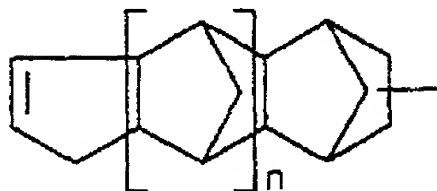
(A) at least one polymer with a saturated main chain
20 that is not polyester and

(B) at least one polyester having a saturated and/or
unsaturated main chain,

25 (i) one of the two components (A) or (B) having
structural units I and/or II, or both components
(A) and (B) having structural units I and/or II,



(I)



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(II) in which the index n is an integer from 1 to 10;

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and

(ii) at least the polyester (B) that has no structural units I and/or II containing maleic and/or fumaric esters incorporated in its main chain.

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In the text below, the novel binder mixture is referred to as the "binder mixture of the invention".

The invention further provides novel coating materials, especially powder coating materials, curable thermally and/or with actinic radiation, which comprise or consist of the binder mixture of the invention.

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In the text below, the novel coating materials are referred to as "coating materials of the invention" or "powder coating materials of the invention".

- 5 The invention provides not least a novel process for coating substrates, which uses the coating materials or powder coating materials of the invention.

10 The binder mixtures and coating materials of the invention are curable with actinic light, preferably electron beams and UV light, but especially UV light. In addition, curing to a B-stage, i.e., to a partially cured stage at which curing is interrupted and can be recommenced later in time, is possible without
15 problems.

The binder mixtures and coating materials of the invention may be employed as solutions or dispersions in organic solvents or in water in the same way as
20 known coating materials are employed. Moreover, selected binder mixtures, directly or following addition of peroxide initiators, may also be cured by means of heat alone, by baking.

- 25 The coating materials of the invention find a specific and preferred application as powder coating materials. The powder coating materials of the invention are